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CONTROL SYSTEM**(S) NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE**

WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE NRO STAFF

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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION**SUBJECT: BYEMAN Cover Sheets**

I wish to bring to your attention a procedure for handling BYEMAN information that is detrimental to the security of this sensitive material and ask that you take the necessary action within your organization to correct it. The specific procedure I am referring to is the use of the first letter(s) or digraph(s)/trigraph(s) of BYEMAN project indicator words on a BYEMAN cover sheet while continuing to treat the cover sheet as unclassified. These cover sheets appear in non-BYEMAN and even non-SCI areas supposedly serving as sufficient protection for the contents of the document while in the possession of a BYEMAN briefed individual. The effect of this procedure is to expose the project compartmentation of the BYEMAN system to personnel who do not have BYEMAN access or a need-to-know. The open display of the filled-in covers sheet in non-BYEMAN areas also associates organizations, offices, and individuals with specific projects, thereby providing insight, in many cases, into the covert mission of the project through the type of involvement or support provided by that organization, office, or individual.

Effective immediately, BYEMAN project indicator abbreviations (i.e., first letter, digraph, or trigraph) shall not be used on BYEMAN cover sheets. The cover sheet will serve only as a protective device to alert individuals to the compartmentation of the document within the BYEMAN system. Project/access compartmentation requirements will be obtained from the title page or first page of the document.

The CIA Special Security Center will be advised to delete the "specific activity" lines from future printings of BYEMAN cover sheets. Request you disseminate this policy change within your organizations and initiate the necessary action to ensure the BYEMAN project indicator words or abbreviations do not appear on the coversheets. I appreciate your assistance in this matter.

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